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More Than 30 Ways to Celebrate Halloween in L.A.

The time has come to get your freak on

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Los Angeles Haunted Hayride

It's hell on wheels as participants brave a boogey-man's abode, a spooky maze, and various haunted houses. [More information](#) (Griffith Park Old Zoo, through October 31)

Wicked Lit 2015

Three supernatural stories take the stage: *The Grove of Rashomon* (mystical), *The Ebony Frame* (satanic), and *The Fall of the House of Usher* (timeless Edgar Allen Poe). [More information](#) (Mountain View Mausoleum & Cemetery, through November 14)

The Grove Halloween Fall Festival/The Americana at Brand Fall Festival

These free events—one at the Grove in West Hollywood, one at The Americana at Brand in Glendale—will feature pumpkin decorating, Halloween crafts, face painting, trick or treating, live music, and more. The Grove: [More information](#) (October 25); The Americana at Brand: [More information](#) (October 25)

John Fleck: Blacktop Highway

Multiple characters and copious costume changes mark this one-man gothic tale from the prolific TV actor and performance artist. [More information](#) (Redcat, October 22-25)

Día de los Muertos Festival

In addition to the customary folk art, this year's festivities feature members of the Huichol tribe performing shamanistic rites. [More information](#) (Hollywood Forever Cemetery, October 24)

Bram Stoker's Dracula

The world's foremost vampire stalks the streets of London in Charles Morey's adaptation of the horror classic. [More information](#) (Valley Performing Arts Center, October 28)

5th Annual EEK! At the Greek!

Actor Armin Shimerman (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*) will narrate Edgar Allen Poe's *The Tell-Tale Heart*. Additionally, Symphony In The Glen will perform eerie musical classics, including "Ghost Riders in the Sky" with the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles. [More information](#) (October 24, The Greek Theatre)

Panic Mountain

An "interactive overnight zombie apocalypse experience." Need we say more? [More information](#) (San Bernadino Mountains, weekends in October)

Halloween at The Hollywood Roosevelt

This annual party features a performance by rapper Travis Scott. VIP tickets are still available. [More information](#) (The Hollywood Roosevelt, October 31)

Son of Frankenstein

The 1939 classic features horror film icons Basil Rathbone, Boris Karloff, and Bela Lugosi. Sara Karloff and Bela Lugosi Jr. will be present at the theatre to discuss their fathers' work. [More information](#) (October 29, Alex Theatre)

"Studio 448" 1970s Halloween Ball

Live cover band Crystal Starr and the Bowties & DJ Phatrick will provide the soundtrack to this '70s themed bash. [More information](#) (Mrs. Fish, October 31)

Rosemary's Baby

This 1968 psychological horror film stars Mia Farrow as a young woman who's carrying a very, er, special baby. [More information](#) (Electric Dusk Drive-in, October 24)

Escape: Psycho Circus

More than 50 DJs will perform as part of this massive two-day long dance festival complete with lighting displays, mazes, and fireworks. [More information](#) (NOS Events Center, October 30-31)

Queen Mary's Dark Harbor

Enjoy live music and DJs, magic acts, and costumed ghouls who will try to scare the living daylights out of you. If you're feeling brave, try out Dark Harbor's newest maze, Lullaby. [More information](#) (the Queen Mary, through November 1)

Bow & Truss Halloween's Eve

We're all about Halloween-themed desserts, costume contests, and all night happy hours. [More information](#) (Bow & Truss, October 30)

Halloween Monster Ball

Costumes are mandatory at the first-annual Monster Ball, benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Guests can bid on auction items including a private basketball clinic with Steve Nash, a Maui vacation, and more. [More information](#) (El Segundo Automobile Driving Museum, October 24)

Manhattan House Halloween

Created by executive chef Diana Stavaridis, the special menu includes offerings such as a Bloody Beet Salad and Grim Reaper Punch. Costumed patrons pay happy hour prices all night long. [More information](#) (Manhattan House, October 31)

8th Annual Halloween Party for DTLA Kids

Looking for something fun for your littles goblins? This party—complete with face painting, puppet shows, and bouncy houses—should do the trick (or treat). [More information](#) (Grand Hope Park at the FIDM, October 31)

The Hollow

The Ichabodies are about to hit the floor. The Speakeasy Society is taking over Chloe's Pub at Golden Road Brewery to present *The Hollow*, a dinner theatre experience based on Washington Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and several of his other short stories. Tickets include a three-course meal and a pairing with a Golden Road beer. [More information](#) (Chloe's Pub, October 26-29)

Creep LA

New to L.A.'s haunted house scene, Creep LA's brand of heebie jeebies involve both "traditional scare tactics" and "emotional interactions," which makes us feel like tears might be involved (on our part, at least). The company hopes the frights will linger with guests long after they've navigated a warehouse full of mazes, corridors, and dark rooms. Yikes. [More information](#) (718 E. Jackson St, through October 31)

18th Annual Underwood Family Farms Fall Harvest Festival

This month-long event at the Moorpark farm features everything from pumpkin picking to corn mazes to tractor rides. Each weekend is themed, and not all events occur on all weekends, so check the schedule of activities before planning a trip. [More information](#) (Underwood Family Farms, through October 31)

Fright Fest

Actors dressed as zombies, monsters, and other ghouls will be hot on your trail (gulp) as you wander through eight haunted mazes and other horrifying attractions. [More information](#) (Six Flags Magic Mountain, through November 1)

Horror Made Here

For those who enjoy watching terror unfold on the big screen rather than participating in it themselves, consider a visit to Warner Bros. Studios' Horror Made Here. The Halloweeny exhibition—a first for the studio—will put props and costumes from iconic films (*Nightmare on Elm Street*, *The Exorcist*, *Annabelle*). [More information](#) (Warner Bros. Studios, through November 1)

The Art of Mounting

Take a page out of *The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* and spend a night at The Natural History Museum (yes, literally sleep there) on Halloween. The taxonomy-themed evening includes a discussion about the art of stuffing, a gallery scavenger hunt, live music, craft beer and wine served from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, and snacks when the clock strikes 12 a.m. [More information](#) (The Natural History Museum, October 31)

Knott's Scary Farm

At Knott's Scary Farm, you don't have to ride the rollercoasters to scream. From scare zones like Carnevil and Ghost Town Streets to a Tooth Fairy-themed maze, the theme park is sure to provide ample freakouts. The Scary Farm isn't recommended for children under 13, but kiddos will enjoy [Knott's Spooky Farm](#). [More information](#) (Knott's Berry Farm, through October 31)

Cinespia at Hollywood Forever

Savor the season (and L.A.'s year-round good weather) with Cinespia's outdoor cinema at Hollywood Forever. Catch *Dawn of the Dead* (1978) on October 23, *Donnie Darko* on October 24, and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Halloween. [More information](#) (Hollywood Forever Cemetery, October 23, 24, and 31)

Halloween Horror Nights

Beware the zombies of *The Walking Dead*—nothing slakes their hunger like the brains of tourists. The annual amusement park takeover includes six mazes, several scare zones, and a "Terror Tram" themed after *The Purge*. [More information](#) (Universal Studios, through November 7)

Street Food Cinema

Every Saturday this month, Street Food Cinema plays a horror flick on an outdoor screen, then ups the ante by adding music and food trucks. Catch *A Nightmare on Elm Street* at Will Rogers State Park on [October 24](#) or *Shaun of the Dead* at Exposition Park on Halloween. [More information](#) (various dates and locations)

Evil Twin Studios: Ward 13

This 15-minute walk-through attraction in Pasadena is asylum-themed, which is scary in and of itself. Tack on a few insane doctors, and you may want to bring a Xanax. [More information](#) (1020 El Centro St, through October 31)

Boney Island

One of the most impressive DIY haunted houses in Los Angeles, this haunt takes place in the front yard of former *Simpsons* producer Rick Polizzi. The skeleton-themed wonderland even exposes visitors to the realm of magic, with all sorts of other surprises that are suitable for kids. [More information](#) (4602 Morse Ave, October 21 - October 31)

Stan Lee's Comikaze

The comic, anime, gaming, sci-fi, fantasy, and horror expo includes interactive activities, attractions, exclusives, contests, celeb appearances, and a trick or treat extravaganza. [More information](#) (LA Convention Center, October 30 - November 1)

Long Beach Zombie Walk

Zombies unite at this three-day long "invasion of un-dead music, film and horror." Michael Jackson fans can refine their dance skills at the Thriller workshop. [More information](#) (The Rainbow Lagoon, October 23-25)

Scarium of the Pacific
This family-friendly festival includes creepy critter photo opportunities, spooky storytelling, and underwater pumpkin carving. [More information](#) (Aquarium of the Pacific, October 24-25)

Rock 'n' Roll Los Angeles Halloween Half-Marathon & 5K
Join zombies, skeletons, superheroes and other characters for a half-marathon or 5K race around Los Angeles. [More information](#) (begins at L.A. Live, October 25)

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